

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

I agree with the statement above. I am a senior citizen struggling to get along on a fixed amount in tough economic times and war at hand. We must protect our small businesses. Monopolies are not good for anyone except the company who has the monopoly. Thanks.